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3B7 ST. BRANDON DXPEDITION WEBSITE IS UP AND RUNNING NOW. Check out the latest details on this upcoming operation at: <http://www.3b7-brandon.ch> According to their WEB site, the 3B7 team has left April 25th for their trip to 3B7. It sounds like they may start earlier than expected.

6A, SINAI PENINSULA (EGYPT). ATTENTION PREFIX HUNTERS! A DXpedition was announced this week which will take place from the Sinai Peninsula (the Red Sea), during which the "6A" prefix will be used the first time ever on amateur bands. A special callsign "**6A1A**" was granted to this DXpedition to denote the first activation of this spot on the anniversary of the **independence day April 25th**. The two operators of this DXpedition Hossam, SU1HM, and Tarek, SU2TA, were also granted callsigns **6A1HM** and **6A1TA**, respectively (QSL to their home callsigns). The operation will last **until April 30th** and the following suggested SSB frequencies will be used: 7090, 14240 (most of the time), 21240, 28540 MHz +/- QRM. RS-12 operation is also planned (voice only). QSL 6A1A via IK3ZAW.

9H3, ISLAND COMINO (Malta). Dieter, DL9GDB, will be active while on holiday from **May 13-27th** as **9H3UT**. This will be his 4th visit to this small island. His activity will be only on CW and on 40-10 meters. QSL via his homecall or via bureau.

A4, OMAN. Look for Rich, W4UM, and his XYL Sherry, W4SLR, to be active from the ROARS Club station, A47RS, sometime between May 8-11th. Their activity will have an emphasis on the WARC bands.

DAYTON'S SWODXA DX DINNER PROGRAM AND DX FORUM SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED. The Southwest Ohio DX Association is pleased to announce the **Thirteenth Annual DX Dinner** to be held on **Friday, May 15th, 1998**, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dayton, OH. The program is "DXing from the Indian Ocean - 8Q7AA" by Dr. Warren Hill, K7WX. For

more information on the dinner, contact Steve Bolia, N8BJQ at (937) 788-2803 or E-mail to n8bjq@erinet.com. The Dayton's HamVention tentative DX Forum schedule is as follows:

- 0830 North Cook Islands, ZK1XXP by Mike Mraz, N6MZ
- 0915 St. Peter & St. Paul Rocks by Karl Leite, PS7KM
- 1000 Sabaai-dii from Laos P.D.R. XW30 XW30(A) by Frank Smith AH0W/OH2LVG
- 1045 8Q7AA - Low Band DXing from the Indian Ocean by Warren Hill, K7WX
- 1130 9M0C by Neville Cheadle, G3NUG

The forum will be held at the Meadowdale High School which is about 1 mile from Hara Arena. For those who drive, there is parking available at the High School. For those coming from the arena, there will be busses to and from the HS during the programs.

FO5, MARQUESAS. If you did not have a chance to work the FO0FR operation, you still have another chance. Ghis, ON5NT, reports that Jose, **FO5QG**, is active from **Nuku Hiva Island** in the Marquesas Group. He lives on the island. Ghis states that he worked Jose on 14120 kHz at 0743z on SSB, and it seems that he (Jose) is often around that frequency. That portion of the band is commonly used by French speaking stations. Also, OPDX did some searching and found that Jose has been active this past week on 14190 kHz between 0230 and 0600z. QSL via XE1L.

FO0MIZ WRAP-UP. Kan's (JA1BK) short operations on Marquesas and Austral Islands netted the final results:

FO0MIZ : Marquesas (April 10th, 0103z - April 12th, 0925z)

First QSO : OA4AGG

QRV Bands : 3.8 MHz CW/SSB, 7 MHz CW/SSB, 14 MHz CW/SSB, 18 MHz CW/SSB, 24MHz CW/SSB.

Total QSOs : 2801

FO0MIZ : Austral (April 14th, 0314z - April 17th, 2350z)

First QSO : K6UT

QRV Bands : 3.8 MHz CW/SSB, 7MHz CW/SSB, 10 MHz CW, 14MHz CW/SSB, 18MHz CW/SSB, 21MHz CW/SSB, 24MHz CW/SSB, 28MHz CW/SSB.

Total QSOs : 3523

QSL both operations via VE3HO.

FR/T, TROMELIN ISLAND. The "DX News Sheet" reports that Henri, FR5ZQ, is active again as **FR5ZQ/T**. Activity will be on CW/SSB, but the length of his stay is not known. QSNs show Henri was active on 21190 kHz around 1700z during the past week. QSL via home call.

GM, ISLE OF PABAY (Scotland). An operation from Pabay will take place weather, winds and tides permitting between **May 26th and 29th**. The following possible callsigns will be operational: **GM3LWM**, **GM3VLB/P**, **GM4CHX/P** and **GM0PNS** (Club Call). Also possible is **GM0PNS/MM** from the **Inner Sound off Skye**. Suggested frequencies to be use are: 3772, 7060 and 14260 kHz. Pabay qualifys for IOTA **EU-008**, IOSA (Islands of Scotland on the Air) NH11 and WAB NG62. Pabay issues its own stamps (carriage labels) and a special GM3VLB/P stamp has been issued. Those who want QSLs direct are requested to send IRCs or SAE. QSL

via G3LWM.

HB0, LIECHTENSTEIN. Eight members (all) from the Eindhoven Student Radio Amateur Club (ESRAC) will be active **July 1-14th**, from a mountain restaurant in **Malbun** Liechtenstein, 2010 meters above sea level. The callsign to be used is **HB0/PI4TUE**. Band activity is planned for 160-10 meters, including the WARC bands, running two stations with full legal limit power output. Activity is also planned for UHF (70 cm) and VHF on 6 and 2 meters. Most of the operations will take place at the restaurant, except for some activity from Augstenberg (2350 meters ASL) on 2 meters and 70 cm. Their modes of operations will be SSB, CW, RTTY, ATV, PACKET and EME. Skeds on any band or mode can be made in advance by contacting the Club station or any one of its members via E-mail at:

- **Club station:** PI4TUE-PI5EHV esrac@ele.tue.nl

Team members:

- PA3EZL-Aurelio aurelio@esrac.ele.tue.nl
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- Diana (HAM in training) johan@esrac.ele.tue.nl

Any last minute details will be put on the ESRAC's home page: <http://www.esrac.ele.tue.nl>

IOTA ACTIVITY.....

- Weather permitting, **F5KDC/P** will be active from **Banc d'Arguin Island** (IOTA EU-159 , DIFM AT-033) from **May 8th** (evening) to **May 10th** (1400z). They will make a special effort to listen for Asia, North/South America and Oceania areas. Operators will be F6AXP, F8BGV, FB1NAN and F1SVF. There will be two stations on the air: 1 for (80 and 40 meters for EU) and 1 for (20, 15 and 10 meters for all continents). Check the usual IOTA frequencies for CW and SSB. QSL via Bureau or direct to F6AXP: Max Pomel, P.O. Box 73, F-63370 Lempdes, FRANCE
- Matt, DL3KUD, will be active from the **Vestmannaeyjar Island**, TF7, between **July 20th and 29th**. The IOTA reference number is **EU-071**. He will be active on 160-10 meters on CW, RTTY and the Satellite RS-12. Matt will take part in the IOTA Contest that weekend. QSL via DL3KUD (via CBA). All QSLs will be answered 100% via bureau.
- UPDATE. Alain, F2HE, who is **FG/F2GE**, will be active from **Les Saintes** (IOTA NA-114) for **2 or 3 weeks** starting on **May 5th**.
- Jacques, **F6BUM**, will be active from **Yeu island** (IOTA EU-64) from **May 2 to 9th**.

KP1, NAVASSA DXPEDITION TO BE ANNOUNCED. Dan, K8RF, has announced plans to activate KP1 later this year. The announced callsign will be **N1V**. Operators listed so far (more to be added later): Dan/K8RF, Murray/WA4DAN, Will/AA4NC, Ken/WA9S and

Noel/WA9EFL. Murray and Will have both operated from Navassa before. Operation dates will be announced at the Dayton HamVention. The group plans to be active on all bands (160-6 meters) CW/SSB/RTTY. They plan to have 4 fours active for 10 days, and state landing permission has been granted. This will be the first operation in 5 years. Check out the following WEB site for updated details/maps at: <http://home.fuse.net/k8rf/> Meanwhile, Randy, N0TG, reports to OPDX that he has talked with the Dept. of Interior (DOI) and the DOI is currently issuing applications only for permits pending the results of a Science Study of the island to be conducted in mid-July. Hopefully, this study will not damage the chances for the K8RF's group plans to go to KP1. Please stay tuned.

PJ8, SABA ISLAND. Don, KF4KRZ, will be active as **PJ8DM** now until further notice. People looking for him should be aware that he is a relatively new ham and with him being at a somewhat rare DX location, this should be a new experience for him! His main antenna right now is a dipole, and he has some local QRN problems especially on 80 and 40 meters, BUT he is willing to try! QSL via home call, KF4KRZ, Donald B. McGehee, 90 Edgewater Dr. #901, Coral Gables, Florida 33133.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- NODXA member and QSL Manager Fritz, DL7VRO, reports QSL cards from Holger (DL7IO) and Brigit's (DL7IQ) operations from **H44IO/H44IQ** and **YJ0AIO/YJ0AIQ** were received from the printing office. Cards will be going out soon. He also mentions QSLs for **SO1HH**, **SO5OE/1** and for **ED8CMT** should arrive from the printers next month and should go out immediately once received.
- QSLs FOR **G55VG/GM5VG**. Recent GM activity from this station may be QSLed to GM3UTQ either direct or via the RSGB Bureau.
- **9M0C QSLs**. Phil, G3SWH, announced that he received delivery of 30,000 QSL cards for the February, 1998, operation by 9M0C from the Spratly Islands. He states that he will be starting to answer immediately the 5000 or so direct requests. So please be patient. Phil intends to answer cards in the order in which they have arrived. Busted calls will go to the bottom of the pile. E-mail and bureau requests will be dealt with when all the direct cards have been dispatched. Phil states, "On behalf of the expedition team, may I take this opportunity to thank those generous people who included a cash donation towards the cost of the expedition in addition to the basic return postage."
- F5BU will be arriving back in France after his 6 weeks activity from Crozet Island (FT5W). The QSL (via F6APU) will be ready in June. Be patient!

SPECIAL EVENT. During the **World Football Cup** in France **June 10th through July 12th**, look for special event stations to be active from different sites where the competitions will take place. Here is a list of stations using the suffix **CMF** (Coupe du Monde de Football) and sites to be activated:

- **TM1CMF** - from **Marseille**
- **TM2CMF** - from **Toulouse**
- **TM3CMF** - from **Bordeaux**
- **TM4CMF** - from **Montpellier**
- **TM5CMF** - from **St Etienne**
- **TM6CMF** - from **Nantes**
- **TM7CMF** - from **Lens**

- **TM9CMF** - from **Paris**
- **TM0CMF** - from **St Denis**

SWL CONTEST (Contester check this out!). SWL Marc, F-11734, sends OPDX details on an upcoming SWL Contest held during the month of June. OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive complete details as an additional bulletin.

TF, ICELAND. NODXA member Phil, KE8RO, and Sean, KC8CSD, will be heading back to Iceland and will be arriving in **Keflavik** on **April 30th**. They will be there **until May 5th**. Phil states he will be operating **KE8RO/TF** on SSB, CW and RTTY and plan on being on the air as much as possible (in between trips to sight see on the island). Both operators are still working on the equipment list but will be operating with Sean's Icom 706 and probably using vertical and wire antenna's. They will have Sean's laptop and will be using his KamPlus for RTTY operation. Again, they will be looking forward to working fellow NODXA members! Sean will be handling all direct QSL requests once they return, and Phil will handle all bureau requests to his callsign. Phil reports that all cards are out from his last operation and all direct requests have been answered. Check out Phil's Web site for more up-to-date information at:

<http://www.comp-res.com/ke8ro/index.htm>

VISALIA DX CONVENTION. OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive an additional bulletin containing the press release by Southern California DX Club on the convention's announced schedule events. For additional information see the SCDXC WEB page at:

<http://www.primenet.com/~scdxc/>

XV4, TRUONG SA (An operation which did not take place from the Vietnamese Spratlys). Rolf, XV7SW (SM5MX), has sent OPDX the following information: "Some time ago, I, i.e. XV7SW, and my countryman Torsten, XV7TH, were granted licenses to operate from the **Vietnamese Spratlys** during the month of **April**. The callsigns we have been given by the DGPT (the telecoms authority in Hanoi) are **XV4SW** and **XV4TH**. Hurdle No. 1 thus cleared. Unfortunately, though, despite official backing from my former workplace, our application for actually visiting Truong Sa Islands was politely turned down by the Ministry of Defence, replying, '**At the present time, the Ministry of Defence of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam does not have the policy to organize visits by foreigners to Dao Truong Sa**'. I will now frame my still valid XV4 license - a true collector's item - put it on the wall in front of me and continue working happily as XV7SW, for at least another month from Hanoi, which isn't a bad location either for pile-up generation! QSL via my home call SM5MX.... 73 de Rolf XV7SW (SM5MX)" Meanwhile, look for Rolf between 1030 and 1130z on 20 meters CW!

ZD8, ASCENSION ISLAND. Paul, **ZD8V**, reports that he and **ZD8T** are now back on the air in the newly placed ham shack.. They are using a car battery to power their radios with a long extension cord to power their chargers. QSN Spots for ZD8T over the past week show activity has been on 17/15/12/10 meters between 1545 and 2000z. QSL ZD8T via AC4IV. QSL ZD8V via KF4OOX.

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